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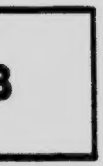

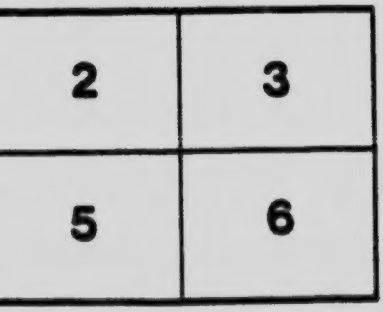

THE

BIBLE CATECHISM:

The Bible Story in Question and Answer for Children

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III. Prophecy. (*Prophetical Books.*)	1. Major or greater Prophets.	Isaiah. Jeremiah. Lamentations. Ezekiel. Daniel.
	2. Minor or lesser Prophets.	Hosea. Joel. Amos. Obadiah. Jonah. Micah. Nahum. Habakkuk. Zephaniah. Haggai. Zechariah. Malachi.

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	(2) The History of the Early Church		The Acts of the Apostles.
II. EPISTLES. (*Epistolary Books.*)	(1) Letters written by Paul	1. Earliest letters.	1 Thessalonians. 2 Thessalonians.
		2. Greater letters of full missionary activity.	Romans. Galatians. 1 Corinthians. 2 Corinthians.
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	(2) Letter written to Jewish Christians by unknown author.		Hebrews.
	(3) General letters to Christians.		James. 1 Peter. 2 Peter. 1 John. 2 John. 3 John. Jude.
III. PROPHECY. (*Apocalyptic Book.*)			The Revelation of John.

TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

It is designed that this Catechism should be used as a guide to the leading facts of the Bible in the religious instruction of children at home or in the Sunday school. The answers to the questions are generally given in terms supposed to be intelligible to children of from ten to fifteen years of age. While the answers in most cases are given as concisely as seems consistent with clearness, it is not expected that the children should be required to commit them to memory. The purpose is to get the facts and truths into the minds of the children, and not the exact language in which they are expressed.

The Catechism is so arranged that it may be studied in sections. Besides going through it systematically from beginning to end, as the natural order would require, those sections to which the Sunday school lessons belong may be studied in the schools in connection with the lessons, a small number of questions being assigned for each Sunday, with constant review.

THE BIBLE.

1. *What is the meaning of the word Bible?*
Bible means book.

2. *Why do we call our Bible "The Book?"*
Because the Bible is the best of all books.

3. *How many separate parts are there in the Bible?*
There are sixty-six separate parts in the Bible, each of which is called a book.

4. *Who wrote the books which form our Bible?*
The books of the Bible were written by good men, who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

5. *When was the Bible written?*
Some of the books of the Bible were written long before Christ came to our world, and some of them shortly after his coming.

6. *What do we call that part of the Bible which was written before the coming of Christ?*
We call that part the Old Testament.

7. *What do we call that part of the Bible which was written after the coming of Christ?*
We call it the New Testament.

8. *How many books does the Old Testament contain?*
There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament.

9. *How many books does the New Testament contain?*
There are twenty-seven books in the New Testament.

THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THE PENTATEUCH.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

10. *What name is given to the first book of the Bible?*

The first book of the Bible is called Genesis.

11. *About what does the book of Genesis tell us?*

The book of Genesis tells us about the beginning of things.

12. *What does the Bible tell us about the beginning of the world?*

The Bible tells us that all things were made by God.

13. *What was the last and greatest work of God?*

God's last and greatest work was man, whom he made in his own likeness.

14. *What names did God give the first man and the first woman?*

God named the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve.

15. *For what purpose did God make man?*

God made man to love and serve him, and to be happy with him for ever.

16. *Where did God place Adam and Eve?*

God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

17. *What day did God set apart for man's rest?*

God set apart one day in every seven as a Sabbath of holy rest.

18. *Why did not Adam and Eve remain in the garden of Eden?*

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and he drove them out of the garden of Eden.

19. *What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?*

They were no longer good and happy; and they were afraid of God.

20. *Who were Cain and Abel?*

Cain and Abel were the first two sons of Adam and Eve.

21. *What sort of men were Cain and Abel?*

Cain was a bad man; but Abel was a good man who loved God.

22. *What awful sin did Cain commit?*

Cain killed his brother Abel.

23. *Why did Cain kill his brother?*

Cain hated Abel, because Abel was good.

24. *How was Cain punished for his sin?*

Cain had to leave his home and become a wanderer in the earth.

25. *What other children had Adam and Eve?*

They had Seth, and other sons and daughters whose names are not given.

26. *Did the world become better or worse after Adam's sin?*

After Adam's sin, the world kept growing worse.

27. *What does the Bible tell us about a very good man who lived in this wicked age?*

The Bible says "Enoch walked with God," and God took him to heaven without dying.

28. *How did God punish men for their wickedness?*

God sent a great flood to destroy the wicked.

29. *Who were saved from death at the time of the flood?*

The only persons saved were Noah and his wife, his three sons, and their wives.

30. *How were Noah and his family saved?*

Noah and his family were saved in a boat called an ark, which God told him how to build.

31. *Why were Noah and his family saved?*

Because Noah was a good man, who loved and obeyed God.

32. *What else was saved in the ark with Noah and his family?*

Some of all the living creatures in the land were saved with Noah.

33. *What sign did God give to Noah that he would not again destroy the world by a flood?*

God told Noah that the rainbow would be a sign that he would not again destroy the world by a flood.

34. *What great man was descended from Noah?*

Abram, afterwards called Abraham.

35. *By what name did God honor Abraham?*

Abraham was called The Friend of God.

36. *Why was Abraham called The Friend of God?*

Abraham was called The Friend of God because of his trust in God.

37. *How did Abraham show his trust in God?*

Abraham showed his trust in God by doing whatever God told him to do.

38. *Among what sort of people did Abraham at first live?*

Abraham at first lived among people who worshiped idols.

39. *Where did God tell Abraham to go?*

God told Abraham to go to another land, far away, to which he would direct him.

40. *What was the name of the land to which Abraham and his family went?*

It was called the land of Canaan.

41. *Who went with Abraham and his family into the land of Canaan?*

Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his family went with him into the land of Canaan.

42. *What was the occupation of Abraham and his nephew Lot?*

Abraham and Lot kept herds of cattle and camels, and flocks of sheep and goats.

43. *What foolish choice did Lot make after coming into the land of Canaan?*

Lot went, with his family, to live in a very wicked city called Sodom.

44. *How did Lot suffer for his foolish choice?*

The wickedness of the people of Sodom made Lot very unhappy.

45. *What happened to the wicked city of Sodom?*

God destroyed Sodom and all the wicked people in it, by fire.

46. *How did Lot escape, when Sodom was destroyed?*

God sent angels to warn Lot of his danger, and to bring him and his family out of Sodom.

47. *What happened to Lot's wife, as they were fleeing from Sodom?*

She did not hurry away from danger, as God commanded her, and so she perished.

48. *What promise did God make to Abraham?*

God promised Abraham that his children and his children's children would some day be a very great

nation, and that they would be a blessing to all the world.

49. *What nation was descended from Abraham?*

The Hebrews, also called Israelites, and Jews, were descended from Abraham.

50. *What was the name of Abraham's wife?*

Sarah was Abraham's wife.

51. *How many children had Abraham and Sarah?*

Abraham and Sarah had only one child, whom they called Isaac.

52. *How did Abraham get a wife for his son Isaac?*

Abraham sent his servant far from home to get a wife for his son from among his own people.

53. *What was the name of Isaac's wife?*

Her name was Rebekah.

54. *Did Isaac and Rebekah love their sons equally well?*

No. Jacob was his mother's favorite; Esau, his father's.

55. *Which of these sons was the elder, or firstborn?*

Esau was the firstborn.

56. *What advantage did the birthright give the eldest son?*

The birthright gave the eldest son the place of honor in the family, and also the father's best blessing.

57. *How did Esau prize his birthright?*

Esau did not prize his birthright very highly, and he sold it to Jacob for a dish of food of which he was very fond.

58. *How did Jacob and his mother deceive Isaac, when he was old and blind?*

Jacob's mother led him to pretend that he was Esau, and to get the blessing that his father intended for Esau.

59. *How did Jacob suffer for telling lies and deceiving his father?*

He had to run away from home to escape from his angry brother; and he never saw his mother again.

60. *How many sons had Jacob?*

Jacob had twelve sons.

61. *About which one of Jacob's sons do we read most?*

Joseph.

62. *What happened to Joseph when he was a young lad?*

Joseph's brothers sold him to some traders, who took him with them to Egypt and sold him as a slave.

63. *Why did Joseph's brothers treat him so cruelly?*

Joseph's brothers hated him because he was his father's favorite.

64. *What happened to Joseph shortly after he came to Egypt?*

His master's wife told lies about him and had him put in prison.

65. *How did Joseph behave himself in prison?*

Joseph was so good and faithful, that the keeper of the prison trusted him and gave him charge over the other prisoners.

66. *How did Pharaoh, king of Egypt, find out about Joseph?*

Pharaoh, king of Egypt, had a dream which troubled him very much, and God gave Joseph wisdom to tell Pharaoh the meaning of his dream.

67. *What did Joseph tell Pharaoh was going to come upon his country?*

Joseph told Pharaoh that, after seven years of plenty, there would be seven years in which nothing would grow.

68. *How did Pharaoh reward Joseph for warning him of the coming famine?*

Pharaoh took Joseph out of prison, and made him ruler, next to himself, in all the land of Egypt.

69. *What did Pharaoh tell Joseph to do to prepare for the years of want?*

Pharaoh told Joseph to lay up, during the plentiful years, enough food to do through the years of famine.

70. *How did Joseph's father and brothers find out where he was?*

Joseph's brothers had to go to Egypt to buy food, and Joseph told them all that happened to him since they sold him.

71. *How did Joseph's brothers feel when he told them who he was?*

They were very much afraid, because they had treated him so cruelly.

72. *How did Joseph treat his brothers, now that he had them in his power?*

Joseph was very kind to his brothers and provided a home for them and his father in Egypt, while the famine lasted.

73. *When Joseph was dying, what did he say would happen to the Israelites?*

Joseph told the Israelites that God would visit them some day and take them all out of Egypt, to their native land once more.

The Book of Exodus.

74. *What happened to the Israelites after Joseph died?*

Another Pharaoh came to the throne, who made slaves of the Israelites and treated them very cruelly.

75. *What dreadful law did this Pharaoh make?*

Pharaoh made a law, that every Hebrew baby boy should be put to death.

76. *Why did Pharaoh want to kill all the little boy babies?*

Pharaoh was afraid there would be so many of the Israelites that they would be stronger than his own people.

77. *Did Pharaoh's cruelty prevent the Israelites from growing?*

No; the more he afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.

78. *What boy was born about this time who afterwards became a great man?*

Moses.

79. *How was Moses saved from being put to death?*

Moses' mother hid him for three months, and when she could hide him no longer, she put him in a basket by the side of the river Nile.

80. *What became of Moses when he was left by the river?*

Pharaoh's daughter found the infant Moses, and brought him up as her own son.

81. *How long did Moses live in Pharaoh's palace?*

Moses lived forty years in Pharaoh's palace.

82. *Why did not Moses remain in the king's palace?*

Moses loved his own people, and wanted to help them to escape from their cruel masters.

83. *Where did Moses go after leaving Pharaoh's palace?*

Moses fled to the wilderness, where he remained for forty years.

84. *On what errand did God send Moses from the wilderness?*

God appeared to Moses in a burning bush, and told him to go and tell Pharaoh to let his people go.

85. *Whom did God send with Moses to give his message to the king?*

God sent with Moses, Aaron, his brother.

86. *What did Pharaoh say when Moses gave him God's message?*

He said he would not let the Israelites go.

87. *How did God punish Pharaoh for refusing to let his people go?*

God sent ten plagues upon Pharaoh and his people.

88. *What was the first plague which God sent upon Pharaoh and his people?*

God turned all the water into blood, so that the people could not drink it.

89. *What plagues followed the turning of water into blood?*

God sent frogs, lice, flies, cattle disease, boils, a dreadful storm, locusts, and darkness.

90. *What effect had these plagues upon Pharaoh?*

Pharaoh's heart was still hard, and he would not let God's people go.

91. *What was the last and most terrible of the plagues?*

God caused the eldest son in every Egyptian home to die in one night, so that Pharaoh sent in haste, telling the Israelites to go quickly, lest all his people should die.

92. *What did God tell the Israelites to do to escape this dreadful punishment?*

God told each family to kill a lamb and sprinkle its blood upon the sides of their doors.

93. *What was done with the lamb when it was killed?*

It was roasted and eaten by the people, before starting out to leave Egypt.

94. *What name was given to the feast kept by the Israelites before they left Egypt?*

It was called the passover.

95. *Why was this feast called the passover?*

Because the angel of death passed over all the houses where the blood of the lamb was sprinkled.

96. *How often was the passover kept afterwards?*

The Israelites kept the passover once a year, in memory of their great deliverance.

97. *What did Pharaoh do when the Israelites had gone?*

Pharaoh was sorry that he had let the Israelites go, and with a large army went after them to bring them back.

98. *How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea when they were leaving Egypt?*

God opened up a way for his people through the waters of the Dead Sea.

99. *What happened to the Egyptians, when they tried to follow the Israelites?*

The waters flowed in upon the Egyptians, and they were all drowned.

100. *To what mountain did the Israelites come soon after they left the land of Egypt?*

Soon after the Israelites left Egypt, they came to Mount Sinai.

101. *What law did God give to his people at Mount Sinai?*

At Sinai, God gave his people the Ten Commandments, written upon two flat stones.

102. *What great sin did the Israelites commit while they were staying at Mount Sinai?*

While Moses was absent from them on Mount Sinai, the Israelites got Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship.

103. *How did God punish the Israelites for their sin in worshiping the golden calf?*

God punished the Israelites for their sin by causing three thousand of them to be put to death.

104. *How did the Israelites get food in the wilderness?*

God gave his people manna, which they gathered off the ground every day except on the Sabbath.

105. *How were the people provided with food on the Sabbath?*

The people gathered enough manna the day before the Sabbath, to do for two days.

106. *What besides manna did God give the people to eat?*

God sent numbers of birds, called quails, for the people to kill and eat.

107. *How did the people get water in the wilderness?*

At God's command, Moses struck a rock with his rod, and water flowed out for the people.

108. *Were the Israelites always thankful to God for all his goodness to them?*

No; they often murmured against Moses and against God, because they did not get everything they wanted.

109. *In what did the Israelites live while they were in the wilderness?*

While they were in the wilderness the Israelites lived in tents, which they carried with them as they journeyed.

110. *What did the people have for a place of worship in the wilderness?*

They worshiped God in a large tent, called a tabernacle, which God told Moses how to build.

111. *Of what materials was the tabernacle made?*

The tabernacle was made of gold, silver, brass, precious wood, fine linen, and the skins of animals.

112. *What was the most important thing within the tabernacle?*

The most important thing within the tabernacle was a chest, or box, covered with gold, called the ark of the covenant.

113. *What was in the ark?*

The ark contained the stones on which the commandments were written, a golden pot of manna, and Aaron's rod.

114. *What was Aaron's rod?*

It was a rod which God caused to blossom, to show the people that he had chosen Aaron to be priest.

115. *What was always seen above the tabernacle in the wilderness?*

A cloud, which at night glowed like fire, was always seen above the tabernacle.

116. *Of what was the pillar of cloud a sign?*

The pillar of cloud was a sign of God's presence with his people.

117. *What is the name of the book of the Old Testament which tells us the story of the departure of the Israelites from the land of Egypt?*

The name of this book is Exodus, which means departure, or going out.

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS.

118. *What does the book of Leviticus tell us?*

The book of Leviticus tells us how the people worshiped God, and the laws which he gave them for their daily life.

119. *Why is this book called Leviticus?*

It is called Leviticus, because there is so much in it about the Levites, the descendants of Jacob's son Levi.

120. *What particular work had the Levites to do?*

The Levites took care of the tabernacle, and helped the priests in its serv[illegible].

121. *What name was given to the chief, or head man, among the priests?*

He was called the high priest.

122. *Who was the first high priest?*

Aaron was the first high priest.

123. *What was one of the most important parts of the services of the tabernacle?*

One of the most important parts of the services of the tabernacle was the offering of sacrifices.

124. *How were sacrifices offered?*

Animals such as calves, sheep, goats, and dov were killed, their blood sprinkled upon the altar and their bodies eaten or burned.

125. *What great lesson was taught in these sacrifices?*

They taught that without the shedding of blood, there could be no forgiveness of sins.

126. *Why do we not have sacrifices in our worship now?*

Jesus died for our sins, and we do not need any other sacrifice.

127. *What other times did God set apart for rest besides the Sabbath?*

He set apart every seventh year and every fiftieth year.

128. *What was every seventh year called?*

Every seventh year was called a sabbath year.

129. *How did the sabbath year differ from other years?*

The people were not to sow or reap in the sabbath year.

130. *What was every fiftieth year called?*

Every fiftieth year was called the year of Jubilee.

131. *How was the year of Jubilee begun?*

The year of Jubilee was begun by the blowing of trumpets and rejoicing throughout all the land.

132. *What caused such rejoicing in the year of Jubilee?*

All slaves were set free, and houses and lands were given back to those from whom they had been taken in payment of debts.

133. *How much did God require his people to give to him from their flocks and herds and the fruits of their fields?*

The people were required to give a tenth part of all that they had each year to the Lord.

134. *Why did God require his people to give a tenth of all that they had to him?*

God wished in this way to teach his people that all they had belonged to him.

135. *What name was given to these offerings of the tenth part?*

They were called tithes.

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS.

136. *What is the next book of the Bible after Leviticus?*

The next book is Numbers, which is so called because it tells how Moses numbered, or counted, the people at two different times.

137. *What, besides the numbering of the people, do we learn from this book?*

The book of Numbers tells us a great deal about the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness.

138. *How did God show his people when he wanted them to move from one place in the wilderness to another?*

When God wanted the people to move, he caused the cloud to move forward, and they were to follow it until it stood still again.

139. *Where did Moses lead the Israelites after leaving Mount Sinai?*

Moses led the Israelites to the borders of the land of Canaan, which God promised Abraham to give to his children.

140. *How did the Israelites find out what the land of Canaan was like?*

God told Moses to send twelve men, one from each tribe, to search the land and find out all they could about it.

141. *What did the spies sent by Moses into Canaan say about the land, when they came back?*

The spies returned, bearing great clusters of grapes from Canaan, which they said was a beautiful and rich land; but they said the people were large and fierce, and dwelt in walled cities.

142. *What did the spies advise the Israelites to do?*

Ten of the spies wanted the Israelites to turn back and not try to go into the land of Canaan; but the other two, whose names were Joshua and Caleb, wanted the people to trust God and go forward into the land.

143. *What did the people do when they heard the story of the spies?*

The Israelites were so frightened by the story of the ten spies, that they had not courage to enter the promised land.

144. *How did God punish the Israelites for not trusting him and going into the land, as he told them?*

God left the Israelites in the wilderness forty

years, where all who were over twenty years old when they left Egypt, except Joshua and Caleb, died.

145. *What three men refused to obey Moses and Aaron, and tried to get the people to rebel against them?*

Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

146. *How did God punish Korah, Dathan and Abiram for their sin?*

God caused the earth to open and swallow up these men and their families.

147. *What happened to the people who took part with Korah, Dathan and Abiram in their rebellion?*

God sent a plague, of which a great number of the people died.

148. *How did the people behave after this severe punishment?*

When the people got tired of the way, they again spake against God and against his servant Moses.

149 *What dreadful punishment did God send upon the people for speaking against him and against his servant Moses?*

God sent fiery serpents to bite the people, so that very many of them died.

150. *What did God tell Moses to do to cure those who had been bitten by the poisonous serpents?*

God told Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole, and all who looked upon the serpent of brass got well.

151. *What wicked prophet tried to bring evil upon God's people, when they were in the wilderness?*

Balaam.

152. *Why did Balaam want to bring evil upon the people of God?*

A heathen king, who was afraid of the Israelites, offered Balaam a large sum of money, if he would curse them.

153. *Was Balaam able to do God's people any harm?*

God would not permit Balaam to curse his people, and when he tried, he could only speak words of blessing.

154. *What were the Cities of Refuge, of which we read in the book of Numbers?*

The Cities of Refuge were places of safety, to which any man might run who had killed another by accident.

155. *Why was it necessary for a man to run to a City of Refuge when he killed some one by accident?*

The friends of the one who was killed would be angry and wish to kill his slayer.

156. *How many Cities of Refuge did God tell Moses to set apart?*

God told Moses to set apart six Cities of Refuge, in different parts of the land.

The Book of Deuteronomy.

157. *What book of the Bible comes after Numbers?*

After Numbers comes Deuteronomy.

158. *Why is this book called Deuteronomy?*

Deuteronomy means second law; and this book is so called, because the law is given here a second time.

159. *What does the book of Deuteronomy contain besides a repetition of the law?*

Deuteronomy tells us what Moses said to the people about God's law and his service, and the words in which he blessed them before he died.

160. *How old was Moses when he died?*

Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died.

161. *Who was with Moses when he died?*

Only God, who buried him in a valley, where no man could find his grave.

162. *Why was not Moses permitted to enter the promised land?*

Once Moses had dishonored God by disobedience, and God told him that for this sin he should not enter the promised land.

163. *How di God comfort Moses in his disappointment at not being able to enter the promised land?*

God took Moses to the top of Mount Nebo and wed him the beautiful land which he was about give to his people.

HISTORY OF THE ISRAELITES AND THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

164. *After the death of Moses, whom did God choose to lead his people into the land of Canaan?*

After the death of Moses, God chose Joshua to lead his people into the land of Canaan.

165. *What book of the Bible tells us about the conquest of Canaan?*

The book of Joshua tells us about the conquest of Canaan.

166. *What river had to be crossed before the Israelites could get into the land of Canaan?*

The river Jordan had to be crossed before the Israelites could get into the land of Canaan.

167. *How did the Israelites cross the Jordan?*

God opened up a way through the Jordan for his people, as he had done through the Red sea.

168. *What monument was set up to remind the people of the crossing of the Jordan?*

Twelve stones, which God told the people to take from the river Jordan, were set up at Gilgal.

169. *What was the first city of Canaan taken by the Israelites?*

Jericho, which was surrounded by high walls, was the first city of Canaan taken by the Israelites.

170. *How did Joshua and his soldiers take the city of Jericho?*

God caused the walls of Jericho to fall, so that Joshua and his soldiers could enter.

171. *What were the Israelites forbidden to do when they took the city of Jericho?*

The Israelites were forbidden to keep any of the treasure which they should find in Jericho.

172. *What man disobeyed this command and brought evil upon the Israelites?*

Achan took some silver and gold and a rich garment, and hid them in his tent.

173. *How did the Israelites suffer for Achan's sin?*

God permitted their enemies to get the victory over them at the city of Ai.

174. *How was Achan punished for his sin?*

Achan and his family were put to death.

175. *How long was Joshua in taking possession of the land of Canaan?*

Joshua was seven years in taking possession of the land of Canaan.

176. *How did Joshua divide the land among his people?*

Joshua divided the land into twelve parts, one part for each tribe.

177. *Which of the tribes got no land?*

The tribe of Levi got no land; but cities were given them to dwell in.

178. *How did there come to be twelve tribes without the tribe of Levi?*

Joseph's children were divided into two tribes, the tribe of Ephraim and the tribe of Manasseh.

179. *What good advice did Joshua give to the people in his last words?*

Joshua told the people to put away their idols and be true to God.

180. *What promise did the people make to Joshua?*

The people promised to serve God all their lives.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

181. *Did the Israelites keep the promise which they made to Joshua?*

After the death of Joshua, the people forgot their promise and worshiped the gods of the heathen.

182. *How did God punish the Israelites for their sins?*

God permitted their enemies to defeat them and to oppress them.

183. *Who were the enemies who troubled Israel?*

The enemies of the Israelites were the heathen whom they allowed to remain in the land, when they took possession of it.

184. *Which one of these heathen nations gave the Israelites most trouble?*

The Philistines gave the Israelites the most trouble.

185. *Who were the [illegible]ers of the [illegible]ple after the death of Joshua?*

After the death [illegible] Joshua, God gave the people rulers or leaders called judges.

186. *How many of these judges do we read about?*

We read of fifteen judges.

187. *What is the name of the book which tells us about the judges?*

It is called the book of judges.

188. *What woman was judge in Israel for a time?*

A woman named Deborah was one of the judges.

189. *What did Deborah do to deliver her people from their enemies?*

Deborah raised an army and drove away the enemies who were troubling her people.

190. *What man did Deborah get to help her?*

Deborah got Barak to lead the army that she had called together.

191. *How did Deborah celebrate her victory?*

Deborah composed a song of praise to God, for giving her people the victory over their enemies.

192. *Where do we find the song of Deborah?*

The song of Deborah is in the fifth chapter of the book of Judges.

193. *What good did the victory of Deborah and Barak bring to the Israelites?*

After the victory of Deborah and Barak, the enemies of the Israelites did not trouble them for many years.

194. *Which two of the Judges do we read most about in the Book of Judges?*

Gideon and Samson.

195. *What message did God send to Gideon before he became a Judge?*

God sent an angel to tell Gideon to go and lead his people against their enemies.

196. *What promise did God give to Gideon?*

God promised Gideon that he would be with him and deliver his people from their enemies.

197. *How many men did God tell Gideon to take against the great army of the Midianites?*

God told Gideon to take only three hundred chosen men.

198. *Why did God wish Gideon to take so few men against so many of the enemy?*

God wished to teach Gideon that victory did not depend on the greatness of his army, but on the help of God.

199. *For what was Samson noted?*

Samson was noted for his great strength.

200. *How did Samson show his great strength?*

Samson killed a lion that came against him; he carried off the gate of Gaza on his shoulders; and with the jaw bone of an ass he killed a thousand Philistines, who had come to seize him.

201. *What foolish choice did Samson make?*

Samson chose a heathen woman, Delilah, to be his companion.

202. *How did Samson suffer for his foolish choice?*

Delilah was false to him and helped his enemies to get him into their power.

203. *How did the Philistines treat Samson?*

The Philistines put out Samson's eyes and made a slave of him.

204. *How did Samson punish the Philistines for the way they treated him?*

Samson pulled the pillars from under a large building in which many of the Philistines were gathered, and it fell upon them, killing them and himself at the same time.

The Book of Ruth.

205. *What beautiful story have we in the book of Ruth?*

The book of Ruth tells the story of Naomi of Bethlehem, and of Ruth, whose home was in the land of Moab.

206. *How did Ruth become acquainted with the family of Naomi?*

There was a famine in the land of Israel, and Naomi, her husband and their two sons, went to live in the land of Moab.

207. *Whom did Naomi's sons marry?*

One of the sons married Ruth, and the other married Orpah, two women of the land of Moab.

208. *What happened to Naomi's husband and their two sons?*

After dwelling for a time in Moab, they died.

209. *How did Ruth show her love for Naomi?*

When Naomi was going back to her home in Bethlehem, Ruth went with her.

210. *What did Ruth say, when Naomi urged her to remain in her own country?*

Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried."

211. *What did Orpah do?*

Orpah went a little way with Naomi, then bade her good-bye and went back to her own people.

212. *How was Ruth rewarded for her faithfulness?*

She met a rich and honorable man, called Boaz, in Naomi's country, who was very kind to her, and afterwards she became his wife.

213. *What noted persons were born of the family of Boaz and Ruth?*

King David was their grandson, and about a thousand years later, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, was born of their family.

THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL.

214. *Who was the last of the Judges who ruled Israel?*

The last of the Judges was Samuel, who was priest as well as judge.

215. *Who was Samuel's mother?*

Hannah was Samuel's mother.

216. *What promise did Hannah make to God before Samuel was born?*

Hannah promised that if God would give her a child, she would lend him to the Lord as long as he lived.

217. *How did Hannah fulfill her promise?*

When Samuel was about three years old, Hannah took him to Eli, the High Priest, to be trained for the service of the Lord.

218. *What kind of man was Eli?*

Eli was a good man, but he allowed his sons to do wrong.

219. *What did Samuel do when he was with Eli?*

Samuel helped in the service of God, and waited upon Eli, who was then an old man.

220. *What did Samuel hear one night, after he had lain down to sleep?*

One night, after he lay down to sleep, Samuel heard some one calling him.

221. *Who did Samuel think was calling him?*

Samuel thought Eli was calling him, and he ran to see what he wanted.

222. *What did Eli say, when Samuel first came to see what he wanted?*

Eli said he had not called, and told Samuel to lie down again.

223. *How many times did Samuel go to Eli?*

The voice kept calling "Samuel, Samuel," and three times Samuel went to see what Eli wanted.

224. *What did Eli tell Samuel when he came the third time?*

Eli told Samuel that God was calling him, and when the voice came again, to say that he was listening.

225. *What did God tell Samuel?*

God told Samuel that he would send a terrible punishment upon the family of Eli, because of the wickedness of his sons.

226. *In what way did God punish his people for their wickedness?*

God permitted the Philistines to come against his people, and to gain a great victory over them.

227. *What dreadful news was brought to Eli after the battle?*

A messenger came to Eli, to tell him that his two sons and a great many others were killed, and that the ark of God was taken by the Philistines.

228. *What happened to Eli when he heard that the ark of God was taken?*

When Eli heard that the ark of God was taken, he fell backward off his seat and was killed by his fall.

229. *What kind of man was Samuel?*

Samuel was a wise and good man, loved and honored by all the people.

230. *When Samuel was old, what did the Israelites ask him to do for the*

When Samuel was old, the Israelites asked him to give them a king, that they might be like the nations around them.

231. *How did Samuel feel when the people asked for a king?*

Samuel was much displeased with the people for wanting any other king than God to rule over them.

232. *What did God tell Samuel, when the people asked for a king?*

God told Samuel to give the people a king, and to say to them that they would have a great deal of trouble with their kings.

233. *Who was the first king of Israel?*

Saul was the first king of Israel.

234. *What kind of king was Saul?*

At first Saul was kind and brave, and ruled well; but after a while he disobeyed God and acted foolishly.

235 *What did Samuel tell Saul would happen to him because of his sin?*

Samuel told Saul, that God would give his kingdom to another man, who would do God's will.

236. *Whom did God choose to be king instead of Saul?*

God chose David, a shepherd boy, the youngest of eight brothers.

237. *How long was it after he was chosen in place of Saul, before David began to rule over the people?*

David had to await God's time, which was several years after he was anointed by Samuel.

238. *How did David come to be living in Saul's palace before he was himself king?*

Saul was at times very unhappy, and David, who could play skilfully on the harp, was sent for, to cheer him with his bright music.

239. *What brave deed had David performed when he was only a lad?*

David, with a stone from a sling, had killed the great Philistine giant, Goliath.

240. *What very dear friend had David in Saul's palace?*

Jonathan, Saul's son, became a true friend of David.

241. *How did Saul treat David, after he had been in his palace for a while?*

Saul was jealous, because he saw that the people liked David better than himself, and he tried to kill him.

242. *What did David do to save his life?*

David ran away from the palace of Saul, and hid in the wilderness.

243. *How did David treat Saul, when Saul was hunting him and trying to take away his life?*

David always treated Saul kindly, and though he had several chances to kill his enemy, he would neither harm him himself, nor permit his soldiers to harm him.

244. *What happened to King Saul at last?*

Both Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle with the Philistines.

245. *How did David show his sorrow for Saul and Jonathan?*

David wrote a beautiful song, lamenting the death of Saul and Jonathan.

246. *How old was David when he became king?*

David was thirty years old when he became king.

247. *How long did David reign?*

David reigned forty years; seven years over the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and after that over all the kingdom.

248. *Where did David live when he became king of Israel?*

David lived in Jerusalem, where he built for himself a beautiful palace.

249. *What was David's greatest desire after he became king?*

David's greatest desire was to build a beautiful house or temple for the worship of God.

250. *Why did not David build the temple?*

God would not allow David to build him a house, but he told him that his son Solomon, who would be a wise and good king, would build a house of worship.

251. *What part was David allowed to take in building the temple?*

David gathered together the materials, gold, silver, iron, wood and stone, which were afterwards used by Solomon in building the temple.

252. *What great trouble came upon David when he was an old man?*

David's son Absalom rebelled against him, and tried to take the kingdom from him.

253. *How did Absalom suffer for his wickedness?*

When Absalom was fleeing from David's soldiers, he was caught by his long hair in the branches of a tree, and held fast till the soldiers came and killed him.

254. *What did David say when he heard of Absalom's death?*

When David heard that Absalom was dead, he wept and said: "O my son Absalom! my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

255. *In what way was David's reign a blessing to the people of Israel?*

David conquered all the enemies of Israel, so that the people had peace and safety.

The Books of Kings and Chronicles.

256. *What books of the Bible tell us of the kings of the Israelites who came after David?*

The Books of Kings and Books of Chronicles tell us of the kings of the Israelites who came after David.

257. *What king came first after David?*

After David's death, his son Solomon became king.

258. *When Solomon became king, what did he ask of God?*

Solomon asked of God wisdom to rule his people well.

259. *What did God give Solomon in answer to his prayer?*

God not only made Solomon the wisest man then living, but also gave him great riches and honor.

260. *What noted woman heard of the fame of Solomon and came to see him?*

The Queen of Sheba, who lived far away, came to see Solomon and brought him rich presents.

261. *In what way did Solomon's reign differ from that of his father David?*

There were no wars in Solomon's reign, as there had been in David's.

262. *What wish of David did Solomon carry out?*

Solomon built a beautiful temple for the worship of God.

263. *What help did Solomon get in building the temple?*

Solomon's friend, Hiram king of Tyre, gave him timber from his forests to build the temple.

264. *What was the most sacred room in the temple called?*

The most sacred room in the temple was called the Holy of Holies, or the Most Holy Place.

265. *What was kept in the Holy of Holies?*

The Ark of the Covenant was kept in the Holy of Holies.

266. *Who was permitted to go into the Holy of Holies?*

Only the High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies, and he only once a year.

267. *How did God show his presence in the temple?*

God caused his glory to fill the house, so that the eyes of the priests were dazzled by the light.

268. *What part did Solomon take in the opening services of the temple?*

At the opening of the temple, Solomon first spoke to the people and then prayed to God for his blessing upon them.

269. *What led Solomon to sin against God?*

Solomon married heathen wives, who led him to worship idols.

270. *Who was the next king after Solomon?*

After Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam became king.

271. *What favor did the people ask of King Rehoboam?*

The people asked Rehoboam to make their taxes lighter.

272. *What answer did Rehoboam make to the people, when they asked him to make their taxes lighter?*

Rehoboam treated the people roughly, and told them he would make their taxes heavier.

273. *What did the people do, when Rehoboam treated them so roughly?*

Ten of the tribes rebelled, and chose for their king a man named Jeroboam, who had been one of the chief servants of King Solomon.

274. *What names were given to the two kingdoms?*

The tribes of Judah and Benjamin, who remained loyal to Rehoboam, were called the Kingdom of Judah; the other ten tribes formed the Kingdom of Israel.

275. *What were the capitals or chief cities of these kingdoms?*

Jerusalem was the capital of the Kingdom of Judah, and Samaria was the capital of the Kingdom of Israel.

276. *What kind of king was Rehoboam?*

Rehoboam was a wicked king and led his people to worship idols.

277. *How did God punish Rehoboam for his sins?*

God permitted the king of Egypt to make war against Rehoboam, and to carry away treasures from the temple and from the king's palace.

278. *How is Jeroboam spoken of in the Bible?*

He is spoken of as "Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin."

279. *How did Jeroboam lead his people to sin?*

Jeroboam forbade his people to go to Jerusalem to worship the true God, but told them to worship two golden calves that he had made.

280. *Why did not Jeroboam wish his people to go to Jerusalem to worship?*

Jeroboam was afraid, that if his people went to Jerusalem to worship, they would go back to their old king.

281. *How many kings reigned over the Kingdom of Israel?*

There were nineteen kings of Israel.

282. *What kind of men were the Kings of Israel?*

The kings of Israel were all bad men, though some were worse than others.

283. *Who was the worst of the Kings of Israel?*

Ahab was the worst of the Kings of Israel, and his wife Jezebel was a very wicked woman.

284. *What cruel thing did Jezebel do?*

Jezebel put to death all the prophets of the Lord whom she could find.

285. *Why did Jezebel wish to have the prophets of the Lord put to death?*

Jezebel wanted to kill the prophets of the Lord, because they warned the people against her false gods.

286. *What great prophet lived in the time of Ahab and Jezebel?*

The prophet Elijah lived in the time of Ahab and Jezebel.

287. *How did God punish Ahab and his people for their idolatry?*

God did not send any [illegible] for three years, so that everything was scorched and withered.

288. *How did God keep Elijah from being put to death by Ahab and Jezebel?*

God told Elijah to go and hide by a brook, and he caused the ravens to carry food to him.

289. *Where did Elijah go when the brook dried up?*

When the brook dried up, Elijah went to the house of a poor widow and asked her for food.

290. *What did the widow say, when Elijah asked her for something to eat?*

The widow told Elijah that she had but a handful of meal and a little oil for herself and her son.

291. *What did Elijah tell the widow to do?*

Elijah told the widow to make him a little cake first; and she did so.

292. *How did God reward the poor widow for her kindness to his prophet Elijah?*

God caused the widow's oil and meal to last, so that there was enough for all of them until the famine was over.

293. *What wonderful thing did God do for the poor widow, in answer to the prayer of Elijah?*

In answer to Elijah's prayer, God raised the widow's son to life again, after he had died.

294. *What other wonderful answer to prayer do we read of in the story of Elijah?*

When there had been no rain for three and a half years, in answer to Elijah's prayer God sent a great rain.

295. *How did God honor Elijah for his faithfulness?*

When Elijah's work was done, God took him to heaven in a chariot of fire.

296. *What other great prophet did God appoint to take the place of Elijah?*

God appointed Elisha to take the place of Elijah.

297. *How did God show that he was with Elisha, as he had been with Elijah?*

In answer to Elisha's prayer, God raised the dead to life and did other wonderful things.

298. *What great man came to Elisha to be healed of a dreadful disease?*

Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army, came to Elisha to be healed of his leprosy.

299. *How did Naaman first hear about the great prophet in Israel?*

A little girl in Naaman's house, who had been carried away captive from the land of Israel, told Naaman of Elisha.

300. *What did Elisha tell Naaman to do?*

Elisha told Naaman to go and dip himself seven times in the river Jordan; and when he had done this he was healed of his leprosy.

301. *What was the great sin of the people of Israel?*

The great sin of the people of Israel was the worship of idols.

302. *How did the people treat all the warnings which God sent them by his prophets?*

The people of Israel did not heed God's warnings, but continued to sin against him.

303. *What terrible punishment did God at last send upon the people because they would not repent?*

God permitted a powerful king from the East to come with his armies and carry the people away to his own country.

304. *What kind of men were the kings of Judah?*

Seven of the kings of Judah were good men; but the other thirteen were wicked, like the kings of Israel.

305. *Who was the first good king of Judah after Solomon?*

The first good king after Solomon was Asa, grandson of Rehoboam.

306. *What good king of Judah had his life lengthened fifteen years in answer to prayer?*

King Hezekiah prayed to God that he might not die, and God let him live for fifteen years longer.

307. *Who was the last good king who ruled in Judah?*

Josiah was the last good king who ruled in Judah.

308. *What were some of the good works of Josiah?*

Josiah destroyed the idols and heathen places of worship, repaired the temple, and had God's word read to the people.

309. *What sin were the people of Judah always falling into?*

The people of Judah were always falling into the sin of idolatry, like the people of Israel.

310. *How did God at last punish the people of Judah for their sin?*

God permitted a powerful king to come with his army, and destroy the city and temple of Jerusalem and carry the people away captive, as the people of Israel had been carried away

311. *To what country were the people of Judah taken?*

The people of Judah were taken to Babylon, a heathen country in the East, by the river Euphrates.

312. *How much longer did the Kingdom of Judah last than the Kingdom of Israel?*

The Kingdom of Judah lasted about one hundred and thirty years after the Kingdom of Israel had come to an end.

The Books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

313. *What other books of history follow "Kings" and "Chronicles?"*

After "Kings" and "Chronicles," come the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.

314. *What do Ezra and Nehemiah tell us about?*

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell us about the return of the Jews to Jerusalem, after their seventy years captivity in Babylon.

315. *How did the Jews get permission to return to their own land?*

When Cyrus became king of Babylon, God put it into his heart to permit the Jews to return to their own land.

316. *What assistance did the Jews get, when they were leaving the land of their captivity, to return to their native land?*

Their neighbors gave them presents of gold and silver, goods and cattle.

317. *What did King Cyrus give to the Jews?*

King Cyrus gave back to the Jews all the sacred vessels which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple.

318. *Who was leader of the first company of Jews who returned from the captivity?*

The leader of the first company of Jews who returned from the captivity was Zerubbabel.

319. *What good work did the people begin under the direction of Zerubbabel?*

Zerubbabel set the people to work to rebuild the temple of God and to repair the broken down walls and city of Jerusalem.

320. *How were the Jews hindered in the work of rebuilding the city and temple?*

The heathen round about them tried to hinder the Jews from building their city and temple.

321. *What prophets encouraged the people in their work?*

The prophets Haggai and Zechariah encouraged the people in their work.

322. *What leader followed Zerubbabel?*

Some time after Zerubbabel went to Jerusalem, Ezra followed with more men to help in the work.

323. *How did Ezra help his people in Jerusalem?*

Ezra prayed for his people and taught them God's holy law.

324. *Who was appointed governor of Jerusalem after Ezra?*

After Ezra, Nehemiah, a great and good man, was appointed governor of Jerusalem.

325. *How did Nehemiah begin his work?*

Nehemiah went round the city, to see where the walls were broken down, and then he gave each one of the people his share in building them up.

326. *What does the book of Esther tell us?*

The book of Esther tells us how Queen Esther saved the Jews from a cruel death.

327. *Who was Esther before she became queen?*

Esther was a young and beautiful Jewish maiden, who lived during the captivity.

328. *How did King Ahasuerus find out about Esther?*

Esther's cousin, Mordecai, one of the king's servants, had her brought to the king, when he wished to choose a wife.

329. *How did Mordecai gain the king's favor?*

Mordecai told the king of a plot of two of his servants to kill him.

330. *What great danger threatened the Jews when Esther was queen?*

A plot was made by a wicked man named Haman, to have all the Jews put to death on a certain day.

331. *Why did Haman wish to do such a dreadful crime?*

Haman hated Mordecai because he would not bow down to him.

332. *How did Esther find out about Haman's plot?*

Mordecai told Queen Esther about Haman's plot.

333. *How did Esther save her people?*

Esther went into the presence of the king at the risk of her life, and pleaded that her people might be saved from Haman's plot.

334. *How did the king receive Esther, when she came into his presence without being asked?*

The king spake kindly to Esther and promised to give her whatever she wanted.

335. *What was done to save Esther's people from being put to death?*

Esther's people were warned of their danger, and permitted to defend themselves against their enemies.

336. *What became of the wicked people who had made this plot to have the Jews put to death?*

The wicked Haman was hanged on the gallows he had made for Mordecai, and a great many of those who were helping him to carry out his plot were killed.

THE POETICAL BOOKS.

337. *What books of poetry have we in the Old Testament?*

The books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and The Song of Songs are poems.

338. *Are there any other poems in the Old Testament, besides these five poetical books?*

"Lamentations" is a poem, and there are poems in Isaiah and other books of the Bible.

339. *What is the book of Job?*

The book of Job contains the story of a good man who was greatly afflicted, and the conversations between him and his friends who tried to comfort him.

340. *For what was Job noted?*

Job was noted for his trust in God and his patience in affliction.

341. *What book of poems was used by the Israelites in their worship?*

The book of Psalms, consisting of one hundred and fifty songs of praise to God.

342. *What special use is made now of many of the Psalms?*

Many of the Psalms are used now in the service of praise in the church.

343. *What do we learn of Christ and his kingdom from the Psalms?*

Some of the Psalms speak of the sufferings of Christ and the glories of his kingdom that was to come.

344. *What is the book of Proverbs?*

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings.

345. *What does the book of Proverbs teach us?*

The book of Proverbs teaches us, that the way to be happy is to love God and keep his holy laws.

346. *What are some of the things against which the book of Proverbs warns us?*

The book of Proverbs warns us against disobedience to parents, indolence, intemperance, impurity, and all evil passions.

347. *What does the book of Proverbs tell us is more valuable than silver, or gold, or precious stones?*

The book of Proverbs tells us that wisdom is of more value than silver, or gold, or precious stones.

348. *How may we get this precious wisdom, of which the book of Proverbs tells us?*

God will give us this precious wisdom if we ask him.

349. *What is the book after Proverbs called?*

The book after Proverbs is called Ecclesiastes, or The Preacher.

350. *What does the book of Ecclesiastes teach us?*

The book of Ecclesiastes teaches us, that worldly and sinful pleasures can never make us happy.

351. *What words do we find in the book of Ecclesiastes especially for the young?*

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

352. *How does the book of Ecclesiastes sum up the whole duty of man?*

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that our duty is to "fear God and keep his commandments."

353. *What is meant by the "Song of Songs?"*

By "Song of Songs" is meant the most beautiful of songs.

354. *What do Christians see in the Song of Songs?*

Christians see the beauty and love of Christ described in this song.

THE PROPHETICAL BOOKS.

355. *What books of the Old Testament follow the poetical books?*

The poetical books are followed by the books of the Prophets.

356. *Who were the Prophets?*

The Prophets were holy men who taught the people about God and warned them against sin.

357. *How many books of the Prophets are there?*

There are five larger books of the Prophets and twelve smaller ones.

358. *What are the larger books of the Prophets?*

The larger books of the Prophets, sometimes called "major" (larger) Prophets, are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

359. *When did Isaiah live?*

Isaiah lived in the time of Hezekiah and other kings of Judah, about seven hundred years before Christ.

360. *What warning did Isaiah give his people in his prophecies?*

Isaiah warned the people that if they did not repent and give up their sinful ways, God would send a terrible punishment upon them.

361. *Did the people heed the warnings of Isaiah?*

The people went on in their sinful ways, till God's threatened judgment came upon them, and they were carried away captive into a heathen land.

362 *What did Isaiah prophesy about Christ?*

Isaiah told of the birth of Christ, of his suffering and death, and of the glory of his kingdom.

363. *In what chapter of Isaiah have we a description of the sufferings of our Saviour?*

The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah describes the sufferings of our Saviour.

364. *Mention some other very beautiful chapters in this book.*

Other very beautiful chapters of Isaiah are the 35th, 40th, 55th, 60th, and 61st.

365. *What books did Jeremiah write?*

Jeremiah wrote the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations.

366. *For what purpose was the book of Jeremiah written?*

The book of Jeremiah was written to warn the people of the evil of sin and to lead them to return to the Lord.

367. *What happened to the book of Jeremiah, when it was first written?*

The wicked king of Judah, Jehoiakim, cut Jeremiah's book to pieces and threw it into the fire.

368. *What terrible punishment did God send upon the people for their sins, in Jeremiah's time?*

God permitted a heathen nation to come and destroy Jerusalem and carry away his people to a strange land, as Isaiah had foretold a hundred years before.

369. *What does the word "Lamentations" mean?*

"Lamentations" means mourning or crying.

370. *What is the book of Lamentations about?*

The book of Lamentations tells of the sufferings of God's people when the city of Jerusalem was taken and destroyed.

371. *Where did Ezekiel live?*

Ezekiel lived in Babylon, where he had been taken among the first captives from Jerusalem.

372. *What are the prophecies of Ezekiel about?*

Ezekiel warned the people about their sins, and told them the punishments that would come upon them.

373. *How did Ezekiel comfort the people?*

Ezekiel comforted the people with promises of God's forgiveness and blessing.

374. *Who is the last of the Great Prophets?*

Daniel is the last of the Great Prophets.

375. *What happened to Daniel when he was a young boy?*

When Daniel was a young boy, he was carried captive to Babylon with some of his young companions.

376. *How did Daniel show his faith and courage, when he was a young man?*

Daniel, with three of his young companions, refused to take the wine and food offered to them in the palace of the heathen king.

377. *How did God reward these young men for being true to their religion?*

Daniel and his companions grew more strong and beautiful than all the other young men, who took the king's wine and food; and God gave them wisdom and favor with their masters.

378. *How did Daniel come to be a great favorite with King Nebuchadnezzar?*

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar the meaning of his wonderful dream, which none of his wise men could explain.

379. *How did Nebuchadnezzar reward Daniel for his services?*

Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel the chief man in his kingdom.

380. *How did Daniel's enemies try to destroy him?*

Daniel's enemies got a law passed, forbidding anyone to pray to God for thirty days.

381. *How did Daniel show his faith in God and his courage, when forbidden to pray to God?*

Daniel went on praying to God as usual, in spite of the king's law.

382. *What happened to Daniel for not obeying the king's command?*

The king was very sorry that he had made the law, but, as he could not change it, Daniel was thrown into the den of lions.

383. *What happened to Daniel in the lions' den?*

God was with Daniel, and would not permit the lions to harm him.

384. *What was done with the wicked men who had made a plot to destroy Daniel?*

These wicked men were all thrown into the den of lions and were torn to pieces.

385. *What do we learn about Daniel's three companions?*

Daniel's companions were thrown into a fiery furnace, because they refused to worship the image which the king had set up.

386. *How did God care for these brave young men for being true to him?*

God kept the three brave young men from being burned in the fire.

387. *When did the prophets who wrote the twelve smaller books live?*

Most of the Twelve Prophets lived in the time of the kings; some of them during and after the captivity.

388. *What two prophets did much to encourage the Jews to rebuild their temple after the captivity?*

Haggai and Zechariah did much to encourage the Jews to rebuild their temple.

389. *Who was the last of the prophets?*

Malachi was the last of the prophets.

390. *When did the prophet Malachi live?*

Malachi lived after the Jews had returned from their captivity and had rebuilt the temple.

391. *Whose coming did the prophet Malachi foretell?*

Malachi foretold the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

392. *Whom did Malachi say God would send before the coming of Christ?*

Malachi said that God would send Elijah the prophet, before the coming of Christ.

393. *Who was meant by "Elijah the prophet?"*

By "Elijah the prophet" John the Baptist was meant.

394. *In what sense could John the Baptist be called Elijah?*

John the Baptist was a man of Elijah's spirit.

395. *How long was it from the last of the prophets to the coming of Christ?*

It was about four hundred years from the last of the prophets to the coming of Christ.

THE NEW TESTAMENT.

THE GOSPELS.

396. *What do the first four books of the New Testament tell us?*

The first four books of the New Testament, written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, tell us a story of the life of Jesus while he was on earth.

397. *What is this story called?*

It is called the Gospel, which means good news.

398. *Why is it good news?*

Because it tells us that Jesus came to save us from our sins.

399. *What promise of a Saviour had God given in the Old Testament?*

Through his prophets God had promised that a Holy Child would be born, who would be the Saviour of the world.

400. *How was it known when the time was near for the Saviour to come?*

Angels were sent to tell Mary and others that God would give her a child, who would be the promised Saviour.

401. *Where was Jesus born?*

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a little town about five or six miles from Jerusalem.

402. *Who came to see the infant Saviour?*

Shepherds from the country near to Bethlehem came to see the wonderful child.

403. *How did the shepherds know of the birth of Jesus?*

An angel appeared to the shepherds, as they were watching their flocks by night, and told them of the birth of Jesus.

404. *What did the angel say to the shepherds?*

The angel said: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

405. *What happened when the angel had given the shepherds the message about the birth of Jesus?*

Suddenly a great many angels appeared, praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

406. *Where did the shepherds find Jesus?*

They found him in a manger, as the angel had said.

407. *Why was Jesus in a manger?*

Bethlehem was not Mary's home, and there were so many other strangers in the town, that there was no room for her in any house.

408. *Who first spread the news of the birth of Jesus?*

The shepherds, when they had seen the infant Saviour, went away and told many others the wonderful things they had seen and heard.

409. *Where did Mary take Jesus when he was forty days old?*

When Jesus was forty days old, Mary took him to the temple, to present him to the Lord.

410. *What good old man rejoiced to see the infant Jesus in the temple?*

A good old man named Simeon took the child in his arms and blessed him, thanking God that he had lived to see the Saviour.

411. *What other person rejoiced to see the infant Jesus in the temple?*

An aged prophetess called Anna, knowing that he was the Saviour, thanked God, and told the joyful news to many people.

412. *Who besides the shepherds came to see the infant Jesus?*

Wise men from the East came a long distance to see the infant Jesus.

413. *What led the wise men to go in search of the child Jesus?*

The wise men saw a strange star, which they believed to be a sign that some great king had been born.

414. *Where did the wise men first go to look for the Child?*

The wise men first went to Jerusalem, and asked where the Child was, who had been born king of the Jews.

415. *How did King Herod find out where Christ should be born?*

Herod found out from the Jews that they expected Christ to be born in Bethlehem.

416. *What did Herod tell the wise men to do?*

Herod told the wise men to search in Bethlehem and when they had found the Child, to bring him word, that he also might go and worship him.

417. *What was Herod's real reason for wishing to know where Jesus was?*

Herod wanted to kill the young Child, because he was afraid that he might some day be king instead of himself.

418. *When the wise men found the Child, what did they do?*

They worshiped him and gave him costly presents.

419. *Why did not the wise men go back to Herod?*

God told them in a dream to go home another way.

420. *What did Herod do, when he found that the wise men had gone home without returning to tell him where the child Jesus was?*

Herod was very angry, and sent soldiers to kill all the children in Bethlehem under two years of age, hoping that Jesus would be among them.

421. *How did the child Jesus escape being killed?*

God told Joseph, Mary's husband, in a dream, to take the young Child and his mother and go down into Egypt.

422. *When did Joseph and Mary return from Egypt?*

When this wicked Herod was dead, Joseph and Mary returned to their home in Nazareth.

423. *What are we told about the childhood of Jesus?*

We are told that Jesus obeyed his parents, and that he "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

424. *What story have we about Jesus, when he was twelve years old?*

When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents took him to Jerusalem to the Passover. Missing him on their way home, they returned to Jerusalem, where they found him in the temple, talking with the learned doctors.

425. *What great man was born a short time before Jesus?*

John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus.

426. *How did John the Baptist differ from other people in his way of living?*

John the Baptist lived very much by himself, wore coarse clothing and ate the plainest food.

427. *What work did John the Baptist do?*

John the Baptist preached to the people, and warned them to give up their sins, for their Saviour was coming.

428. *Why was John called the Baptist?*

Because he baptized all who repented.

429. *What great prophet of old did John the Baptist resemble?*

He resembled Elijah the prophet, both in his simple manner of life and in his fearless spirit.

430. *When Jesus was about thirty years old, what did he ask John the Baptist to do for him?*

When Jesus was thirty years old he asked John to baptize him.

431. *Why did Jesus, who had no sin, wish to be baptized?*

Because he wished to take his place with sinners in order that he might save them.

432. *What wonderful things happened at the baptism of Jesus?*

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God came down upon him in the form of a dove, and a voice from heaven was heard: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

433. *Where did Jesus go after his baptism?*

After his baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness, where he remained forty days without eating anything.

434. *What happened to Jesus when he was in the wilderness?*

The devil came to Jesus, tempting him to do some wonderful things to show that he was the Son of God, and promising him all the kingdoms of the world if he would worship him.

435. *What did Jesus do when he was tempted by the devil?*

Jesus repeated God's word to Satan, and drove him away.

436. *When the devil left Jesus, who came to him?*

When the devil left Jesus, angels brought him food and comforted him.

437. *When John the Baptist saw Jesus again, what did he say to his disciples?*

When John saw Jesus coming, he said: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

438. *Which two of John's disciples were led to Jesus by these words?*

When John and Andrew heard their master say these words, they followed Jesus.

439. *Whom did Andrew and John bring to Jesus?*

Andrew brought his brother Peter, and John brought his brother James to Jesus.

440. *What other two men became disciples of Jesus at this time?*

Philip found out who Jesus was, and he brought his friend Nathanael to him.

441. *What happened to John the Baptist, after he had been preaching for some time?*

The wicked king, Herod, put John in prison, and afterwards had him put to death.

442. *What was the first sign that Jesus gave to his disciples to show that he was the Son of God?*

At a marriage in Cana of Galilee, when the wine gave out, Jesus turned water into wine.

443. *What happened at the first Passover which Jesus attended after he began his ministry?*

Jesus found a man selling oxen, sheep and doves in the temple, and he drove them out, because it was the house of God.

444. *What other wonderful works did Jesus do, besides turning water into wine?*

Jesus fed a great multitude with a few loaves and fishes; calmed the storm on the lake; gave sight to the blind; made the deaf hear, and the lame walk; healed a great many sick people, and raised the dead to life.

445. *How did the miracles of Jesus differ from those performed by the prophets?*

The miracles of the prophets were done by God in answer to prayer; but Christ, being God, did these works by his own power.

446. *Did Jesus use his great power to get wealth or comfort for himself?*

Jesus never used his power to get wealth or comfort for himself; but though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor.

447. *Whom did Jesus choose to go with him in his walks through the country to teach the people?*

Jesus chose twelve disciples, afterwards called apostles, to be with him, that he might teach them, and prepare them to teach others.

448. *What teacher of the Jews came to Jesus by night to learn of him?*

Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came by night to learn of Jesus.

449. *What good news did Jesus tell Nicodemus?*

Jesus said: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

450. *Where do we find the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus?*

The conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus is in the third chapter of John's Gospel.

451. *What conversation had Jesus with the woman of Samaria, at Jacob's well?*

At Jacob's well, Jesus told the woman about the water of life.

452. *What followed the conversation between Jesus and the woman of Samaria?*

The woman went home and told her friends and neighbors that she had seen the Christ; and they came to hear him for themselves, and many of them believed on him.

453. *Where did Jesus preach the first sermon of which the Gospels tell us?*

Jesus preached his first sermon in the synagogue, or place of worship, in the town of Nazareth, where he lived.

454. *How was Jesus treated by the people of Nazareth?*

The people of Nazareth drove Jesus out of their town, and tried to throw him over a steep rock to kill him.

455. *Where did Jesus do most of his wonderful works?*

Jesus did most of his wonderful works in Capernaum, a town on the shore of Lake Galilee, where he went after leaving Nazareth.

456. *What wonderful sermon did Jesus preach near Capernaum?*

Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount," to a number of people on a mountain near Capernaum.

457. *Where do we find "the Sermon on the Mount?"*

The Sermon on the Mount is in the 5th, 6th, and 7th chapters of Matthew's Gospel.

458. *How does the Sermon on the Mount begin?*

The Sermon on the Mount begins with the Beatitudes, or Blessings, which teach us how to be truly happy.

459. *What prayer did Jesus teach his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount?*

Jesus taught his disciples the prayer which we call the Lord's prayer.

460. *How does the Sermon on the Mount close?*

It closes with the story of two men, one of whom built a house upon a rock, and the other, a house upon the sand.

461. *What happened to these houses when the storm came?*

When the storm came, the house that was built upon the rock stood firm; but the one built upon the sand was swept away.

462. *Who did Jesus say was like the house on the rock?*

Jesus said the man who heard his words and did them, was like the house on the rock.

463. *Who did Jesus say was like the house on the sand?*

Jesus said the man who heard his words and did them not, was like the house on the sand.

464. *What did the people think of the teaching of Jesus?*

The people were filled with wonder at the teaching of Jesus, for they had never heard anything like it before.

465. *How did Jesus make his teaching specially interesting?*

Jesus told the people parables or interesting stories, and then explained the meaning of these stories or parables.

466. *Name one of the most beautiful of these parables.*

The parable of the Prodigal Son, found in the fifteenth chapter of Luke's Gospel, is one of the most beautiful of the parables of Jesus.

467. *Which of the parables teaches us to love our neighbor?*

The parable of the Good Samaritan, found in the tenth chapter of Luke's Gospel, teaches us to love our neighbor.

468. *Where do we find a number of these parables grouped together?*

We find a group of these parables in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

469. *In what part of the country did Jesus spend most of his ministry?*

Most of our Lord's ministry was spent in Galilee.

470. *What three disciples did Jesus make his closest companions?*

Peter, James and John were his closest companions.

471. *What wonderful sight did Jesus once show these disciples?*

Jesus took Peter, James and John up into a high mountain, where his face shone as brightly as the sun, and his clothing became as white as the light.

472. *Whom did the disciples see with Jesus on the mountain?*

The disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus on the mountain.

473. *What did Peter say when he saw this wonderful sight?*

Peter said it was good to be there, and that, if Jesus wished, he would make three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

474. *What happened while Peter was speaking?*

While Peter was speaking a bright cloud overshadowed them, and they heard a voice out of the cloud: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

475. *In what place was the last part of our Lord's ministry?*

The last part of our Lord's ministry was in and near Jerusalem.

476. *Where did Jesus often stay when he went to Jerusalem?*

Jesus often stayed at the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus, in the little village of Bethany near Jerusalem.

477. *What did Jesus do for Martha and Mary in a time of great trouble?*

When their brother Lazarus died, Jesus came and comforted Martha and Mary, and raised their brother from the dead.

478. *How did Mary afterwards show her gratitude and love to Jesus?*

At a supper in Bethany, Mary poured a box of costly ointment upon the feet of Jesus and wiped them with the hair of her head.

479. *To what place near Jerusalem did Jesus often go with his disciples to be alone with God in prayer?*

Jesus often went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem, to be alone with God in prayer.

480. *How did Jesus travel from one place to another, when he was teaching and doing his wonderful works?*

In going from one place to another, Jesus walked, in company with his disciples.

481. *Who accompanied Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem on an ass?*

The disciples of Jesus and a number of people from Bethany went with him as he rode; and a great multitude from Jerusalem came out to meet him, and went with him into the city.

482. *How did the people show their joy as Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem?*

Some of the people spread their clothing in the path before Jesus, and others threw branches from the trees in the way, and they shouted: "Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!"

483. *Why did Jesus choose to enter Jerusalem riding in such a joyful company?*

Jesus wanted to teach the people that he was their real king.

484. *What happened when Jesus came to the temple, after riding into Jerusalem?*

When Jesus came to the temple, the children shouted: "Hosanna to the Son of David"

485. *Who were displeased at all the honor that was being shown to Jesus?*

The priests and their followers were very much displeased at the honor shown to Jesus.

486. *What did Jesus say to the priests, when they complained about the children shouting his praise?*

Jesus repeated the words of one of the Psalms: "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou perfected praise."

487. *How did Jesus spend the next two days after riding into Jerusalem?*

Jesus spent the next two days in the temple, teaching the people and healing all the sick who came to him.

488. *What act did Jesus repeat on his last visit to the temple?*

Jesus again drove out the people who were buying and selling in the temple.

489. *What did the chief priests want to do with Jesus?*

The chief priests wanted to kill Jesus, for they were jealous of him because the people followed him.

490. *What kept the enemies of Jesus from killing him?*

The enemies of Jesus were afraid that the people would take his part, if they tried to do him any harm.

491. *Who bargained to give Jesus up to the priests and their followers?*

Judas Iscariot, one of his own disciples, offered to give Jesus up to the priests.

492. *What did the chief priests promise Judas, if he would deliver Jesus into their hands?*

The chief priests promised to give Judas thirty pieces of silver, which was the price of a slave, if he would deliver Jesus into their hands.

493. *What great feast were the people preparing for, when the plot to kill Jesus was made?*

The people were preparing to keep the Passover, when the plot was made to put Jesus to death.

494. *Where did Jesus and his disciples keep the Passover?*

Jesus and his disciples kept the Passover in an upper room in the city of Jerusalem.

495. *Which one of the disciples left the table before the Passover meal was ended?*

Before the Passover meal was ended, Judas went out to finish his plans for taking Jesus.

496. *What did Jesus say to his disciples, when he gave them the bread at the Passover?*

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he said: "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."

497. *What did Jesus say to the disciples, when he gave them the wine?*

Jesus said to the disciples: "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

498. *What is the taking of bread and wine in remembrance of Christ's death called?*

The taking of bread and wine in remembrance of Christ's death is called the Lord's Supper.

499. *Why do we continue to observe the Lord's Supper in our churches?*

Jesus wished his people to continue to remember him in this way, until he should come again.

500. *How did Jesus comfort his disciples in their sorrow at the thought of being separated from him?*

Jesus told his disciples not to be afraid, for he would still be near them, though they could not see him.

501. *What did Jesus do before leaving the upper room?*

After speaking comforting words to his disciples, Jesus prayed for them, and then they sang a hymn together.

502. *Where did Jesus go with his disciples from the upper room?*

After leaving the upper room, Jesus went with his disciples to a garden called Gethsemane, by the Mount of Olives.

503. *What did Jesus do when he reached the Garden of Gethsemane?*

Jesus left some of his disciples at the entrance of the garden, and took Peter, James and John with him farther into the garden.

504. *What did Jesus do in the garden?*

Jesus told his disciples to watch and pray, while he went away by himself to pray.

505. *How many times did Jesus go away by himself to pray in the garden?*

Jesus went away by himself and prayed three times.

506. *For what did Jesus pray in the garden?*

In the garden, Jesus prayed that the cup of his sufferings might be taken away, if possible, but that his Father's will might be done.

507. *What answer did God send to Jesus in his sufferings in the garden?*

God sent an angel from heaven to strengthen and comfort Jesus.

508. *What happened when Jesus returned to his disciples the third time?*

When Jesus returned to his disciples, a band of soldiers came with Judas to take him.

509. *How did Judas show the soldiers which of the company in the garden was Jesus?*

Judas had told the soldiers, that the person whom he should kiss was the one for them to take; and when he saw Jesus, he said: "Hail Master," and kissed him.

510. *Which of the disciples tried to defend his master against the soldiers?*

Peter tried to defend his master, and struck one of the men with his sword, cutting off his ear.

511. *What did Jesus say to Peter for his rash act in using his sword?*

Jesus told Peter to put away his sword and not to make any resistance; and he also healed the ear of the man whom Peter had struck.

512. *How did the disciples act when the soldiers took Jesus?*

When the soldiers took Jesus, all the disciples forsook him and ran away.

513. *Whither did the soldiers take Jesus?*

The soldiers took Jesus to the palace of the high priest in Jerusalem, where a number of the Jewish rulers and priests were gathered.

514. *How long did the trial of Jesus before the Jewish Council last?*

The trial of Jesus before the Jewish Council lasted from two o'clock till daylight.

515. *What disciple followed Jesus at a distance, when he was being taken to the palace of the high priest?*

Peter followed Jesus afar off, so that no one would know that he was his disciple.

516. *What did Peter do when Jesus was being tried by the priests and rulers of the Jews?*

Peter was standing outside of the room where Jesus was, and when a servant of the high priest and some others said he was one of Jesus' disciples, he denied three times that he knew anything of Jesus.

517. *How did Peter feel, when he had so shamefully denied his Master?*

When Peter thought of the way he had denied his Master, he went out and wept bitterly.

518. *For what did the Jewish Council condemn Jesus?*

The Jewish council condemned Jesus, because he said he was the Son of God.

519. *What did Judas do, when he saw that his Master was condemned to die?*

Judas felt so badly about what he had done, that he went away and hanged himself.

520. *What did the Jews do with Jesus, when they had condemned him?*

After the Jews had condemned Jesus, they took him to the Roman governor, Pilate, to have the sentence of death passed upon him.

521. *Of what did the Jews accuse Jesus before Pilate?*

The Jews told Pilate that Jesus was trying to turn the people against King Cæsar, and to make himself king.

522. *What did Pilate say, when he had questioned Jesus and all the witnesses against him?*

Pilate said he could find no fault in Jesus.

523. *How did Pilate show that he was unwilling to have anything to do with the death of Jesus?*

Pilate tried to get rid of Jesus by sending him to Herod, another Roman governor; but Herod sent him back to Pilate.

524. *How did Pilate try to get Jesus free, when he was sent to him the second time?*

Pilate pleaded with the people to let Jesus go free, as it was the custom to pardon some prisoner at the time of the feast.

525. *What choice did Pilate offer the Jews?*

Pilate asked the Jews which he would set free, Jesus or Barabbas, a man who had committed robbery and murder.

526. *What did the people say, when Pilate offered them their choice of Jesus and Barabbas?*

The people shouted, Let Barabbas go free; but crucify Jesus!

527. *What did the Jews say, when they saw that Pilate was afraid to put Jesus to death?*

The Jews cried out "If thou let this man go thou art not Cæsar's friend."

528. *What did the people say, when Pilate told them that he was not to blame for the death of Jesus?*

All the people said "His blood be upon us, and on our children."

529. *How did these terrible words of the Jews afterwards come true?*

Many thousands of these Jews and their children were afterwards cruelly put to death by the Romans.

530. *What was done to Jesus when Pilate delivered him up to be put to death?*

The soldiers, after they had beaten Jesus, put a purple robe on him and a crown of thorns on his head, and mocked him, calling him "The King of the Jews."

531. *What did the soldiers do with Jesus after they had mocked and beaten him?*

The soldiers took Jesus outside the city of Jerusalem, and crucified him, along with two thieves, one on each side of him.

532. *What did one of the thieves ask Jesus to do for him?*

One of the thieves prayed that Jesus would remember him when he came into his kingdom.

533. *How did Jesus answer the prayer of the poor thief?*

Jesus said to the dying thief: "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

534. *How long was Jesus on the cross before he died?*

Jesus was on the cross from nine o'clock in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon.

535. *How did Jesus show his love for others when he was on the cross?*

When on the cross, Jesus prayed for his enemies; and he gave his sorrowing mother into the keeping of his beloved disciple John.

536. *What strange thing happened when Jesus was on the cross?*

The whole land was in darkness before Jesus died.

537. *What wonderful things happened when Jesus died?*

The veil, or curtain, in the temple was torn in two, the earth shook, the rocks burst asunder, and the graves were opened.

538. *What was done with the body of Jesus when he died?*

A rich man named Joseph, along with Nicodemus and some other friends of Jesus, took the body down from the cross, and laid it in a new tomb, or grave, cut out of a rock.

539. *How long was the body of Jesus in the tomb?*

The body of Jesus was in the tomb till the morning of the third day after he died.

540. *What did the Jews do to prevent the body of Jesus from being stolen from the tomb?*

At the request of the chief priests, the stone against the door of the tomb was sealed, and a guard of soldiers placed to watch it.

541. *What was the day after the crucifixion?*

The day after the crucifixion was the Jewish Sabbath.

542. *What happened on the day after the Sabbath?*

The earth shook, the angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled away the stone from the tomb, and the soldiers were so frightened that they fell on the ground.

543. *What strange appearance did many of the people of Jerusalem see on the morning of the resurrection?*

After the resurrection, many of the dead rose from their graves and were seen in the city of Jerusalem.

544. *Who went to the tomb early on the first day of the week?*

Very early on the morning of the first day of the week, some of the women who loved the Lord went to his tomb with spices to put on his body.

545. *Whom did the women see at the tomb?*

At the tomb the women saw angels, who told them that Jesus had risen from the dead.

546. *What message did the angels send to the disciples?*

The angels told the women to go quickly and tell the disciples the good news, that their Master was alive again.

547. *Who was the first to see the Lord after he rose from the dead?*

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the Lord after he rose from the dead.

548. *What two disciples went to the tomb after the women left it?*

Peter and John went to the tomb, and found it empty, and the graveclothes lying folded.

549. *How did the chief priests try to deceive the people and to make them believe that Jesus had not risen?*

The chief priests paid the soldiers to say that the disciples of Jesus came and stole the body while they were asleep.

550. *How do Christians honor the day on which Jesus rose from the dead?*

Christians keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath, because Jesus rose from the dead on that day.

551. *What name is given to the day on which Jesus rose from the dead?*

The day on which Jesus rose from the dead is called the Lord's Day.

552. *How long did Jesus remain on earth after his resurrection?*

Jesus remained on earth forty days after his resurrection.

553. *How many times was Jesus seen by his disciples and others after his resurrection?*

We read of eleven times when Jesus was seen by his disciples and others after his resurrection.

554. *What was the largest number who saw Jesus at one time?*

Over five hundred people saw Jesus at one time after his resurrection.

555. *How did Jesus treat Peter after his resurrection?*

Jesus sent for Peter and forgave him for his cowardly conduct, and set him again to do the work of an apostle.

556. *What command did Jesus give to his disciples before he left the world?*

Jesus told his disciples to "go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

557. *What promise did Jesus give to his disciples before he left the world?*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

558. *Where did Jesus take his disciples, when he was about to leave them?*

When the time came for Jesus to leave his disciples, he took them out to the Mount of Olives.

559. *Whom did Jesus say he would send to comfort and teach his people after he had gone away?*

Jesus told the disciples that he would send them another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to teach them and to be with them always.

560. *How did Jesus disappear from the world?*

Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed his disciples; and while he was blessing them, he was carried up into heaven, and a cloud received him out of their sight.

561. *Who appeared to the disciples after Jesus ascended to heaven?*

Two angels appeared to the disciples, and told them that Jesus would come again, as they had seen him go.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

562. *Where did the eleven apostles and the other disciples of Jesus go after the Lord ascended to heaven?*

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the apostles and other disciples returned to Jerusalem, and went to an upper room, where they continued in prayer.

563. *Why did not the apostles go forth at once to preach the gospel?*

Jesus told his disciples not to leave Jerusalem till his promise to send the Holy Spirit had been fulfilled.

564. *How long did the disciples have to wait after Jesus went away before the Holy Spirit came?*

Ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit came.

565. *What great feast was being held in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit came?*

The feast of Pentecost, or the thanksgiving feast of the Jews, was being held in Jerusalem, when the Holy Spirit came.

566. *By what wonderful signs did the Spirit show that he had come?*

There came a sound from heaven like a great wind, filling the house where the disciples were gathered, and a bright light, like a tongue of fire, rested upon each of them.

567. *What wonderful power did the Spirit give to those on whom he came?*

The Spirit gave them power to speak other languages than their own.

568. *What did Peter do when he had received the Holy Spirit?*

When the Spirit came upon Peter, he at once began to preach about Jesus Christ to the multitudes who had come to the feast.

569. *What effect had Peter's sermon on those who heard it?*

About three thousand people believed on Jesus as their Saviour, because of Peter's sermon.

570. *What miracle did Peter and John do in the name of Jesus, shortly after the day of Pentecost?*

Shortly after the day of Pentecost, as Peter and John were entering the temple, they came upon a poor man who had never been able to walk, and told him in the name of Christ to rise up and walk.

571. *What did the priests and rulers of the Jews do, when they heard of the wonderful works which Peter and John had done?*

The priests and rulers of the Jews sent for Peter and John, and asked them who gave them the power to do this wonderful work.

572. *Who did Peter say had given them power to heal the lame man?*

Peter told the Jews that Jesus Christ, whom they had crucified, and whom God raised from the dead, had given them the power to heal the lame man.

573. *What charge did the priests and rulers give to Peter and John before they let them go?*

The priests and rulers charged Peter and John not to speak any more to the people about Jesus.

574. *What reply did Peter and John make to this charge?*

Peter and John asked the priests and rulers whether they thought it was right to listen to them more than unto God.

575. *How did the first Christians show their love for one another?*

The first Christians were unselfish, and shared whatever they had with one another.

576. *How did Ananias and Sapphira try to deceive the apostles?*

Ananias and Sapphira tried to make the apostles believe that they were giving all their possessions to be divided among the Christians, while they were keeping some for themselves.

577. *How were Ananias and Sapphira punished for telling lies?*

Both Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead for telling lies.

578. *What followed the wonderful works done by the apostles?*

A great many people believed on Jesus as their Saviour, because of the wonderful works done by the apostles.

579. *How did the High Priest and the Jewish Council try to stop the spread of the Gospel?*

The High Priest and the Jewish Council were very angry when they saw so many people believing on Jesus, and they put the apostles in prison.

580. *What happened to the apostles in the prison?*

The angel of the Lord came by night and opened the prison doors, and told the apostles to go and speak to the people Christ's wonderful words of life

581. *What did Peter and the other apostles say when they were brought before the Council for disobeying their command to speak no more about Jesus?*

Peter and the other apostles said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

582. *What did the Jewish Council do to the apostle before letting them go?*

The Jewish Council beat the apostles, and again commanded them not to speak any more about Jesus.

583. *Who was the first man who was killed for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ?*

A holy man called Stephen was the first to be killed for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

584. *How was Stephen killed?*

The Jews stoned Stephen to death.

585. *When Stephen was dying, what did he see?*

Stephen saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

586. *For what did Stephen pray, just before he died?*

Stephen prayed that God would forgive the men who were killing him.

587. *What young man, who afterwards became an apostle of Jesus Christ, was present at Stephen's death?*

A young man called Saul, afterwards called Paul, was present at Stephen's death.

588. *What part did Saul take in Stephen's death?*

Saul gave his consent to Stephen's death, and held the garments of those who were stoning him.

589. *How did Saul show his hatred of the Christians?*

Saul persecuted the church, and wherever he found Christian men or women, he had them put in prison.

590. *To what distant city did Saul go to persecute the Christians?*

Saul went to Damascus, to search for Christians, and to bring them bound to Jerusalem.

591. *What happened to Saul on his way to Damascus?*

As Saul journeyed to Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven, brighter than the midday sun, shone upon him and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

592. *What did Saul say when he heard the voice from heaven?*

When Saul heard the voice from heaven he said, "Who art thou, Lord?"

593. *What answer did the Lord make to Saul?*

The Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

594. *What did Jesus tell Saul to do?*

Jesus told Saul to arise and go into the city of Damascus, and there it would be told him what he was to do.

595. *When Saul rose from the ground, what did he find had happened to him?*

When Saul rose from the ground, he found that he was blind, and he had to be led into Damascus, where he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

596. *How did Saul receive his sight again?*

God sent a disciple called Ananias, to give Saul his sight and to tell him what he should do.

597. *What message did Ananias bring to Saul from the Lord?*

Ananias told Saul that the Lord had chosen him to preach the gospel to the heathen nations, and to kings, and to his people Israel.

598. *When Saul had received his sight, how did he confess his faith in Jesus?*

When Saul had received his sight, he stood up and was baptized.

599. *When Saul went back to Jerusalem, how was he received by the Christians?*

When Saul went back to Jerusalem, the Christians were afraid of him, for they thought he was only pretending to be a Christian, so as to find out where the Christians were and have them put into prison.

600. *What good man trusted Saul and treated him kindly?*

Barnabas treated Saul kindly, and told the apostles all about what God had done for him.

601. *Why did Saul leave Jerusalem at this time?*

Saul's friends learned that the Jews had made a plot to kill him, and they sent him to his home in Tarsus.

602. *What did many of the Christians of Jerusalem do to escape death, when the persecution began?*

Many of the Christians left Jerusalem, and went about through the country, telling everywhere about Jesus.

603. *What followed the preaching of the gospel by Philip in Samaria?*

God gave Philip power to heal a great many sick people; and nearly all the people of the city believed his word.

604. *Why did Philip leave Samaria where he was doing such a good work?*

God sent an angel to tell Philip to leave Samaria, and to go toward the South.

605. *Whom did Philip meet as he went toward the South?*

Philip met an officer of the queen of Ethiopia, driving in a chariot from Jerusalem to his home in Africa.

606. *What was the man doing when Philip met him?*

He was reading from his Bible the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, which describes the sufferings of Christ.

607. *What conversation took place between Philip and the Ethiopian stranger?*

Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading, and the man said he could not unless someone should explain the meaning to him.

608. *How did Philip help him?*

Philip taught him about Jesus Christ, and when they came to a place where there was water, he baptized him.

609. *What happened after the baptism?*

Philip turned toward the North, preaching the gospel as he went, and the officer went on to his own country, full of joy.

610. *When the persecution ceased for a time, after Saul had become a Christian, where did Peter go?*

Peter went through the country, visiting the churches, and preaching the gospel.

611. *What two miracles did Peter work, while on this journey by the power which Jesus gave him?*

At Lydda, Peter healed a man named Æneas, who had been paralyzed for eight years, and at Joppa, he raised to life a woman called Dorcas, whom everybody loved because of her beautiful life and kind deeds.

612. *To what Roman soldier was Peter sent to tell about Jesus?*

Peter was sent to Cornelius, an officer in the Roman army, to tell him about Jesus.

613. *What followed the preaching of the gospel by Peter to Cornelius and his family and friends?*

God sent the Holy Spirit upon Cornelius and his family and friends, as he did on the day of Pentecost; and they believed the good news and were baptized.

614. *In what very wicked city was the gospel preached by the Christians who fled from Jerusalem?*

The gospel was preached in the city of Antioch, and a great many believed and became Christians.

615. *Who was sent from the church in Jerusalem, to visit the Christians in Antioch?*

The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch, to see the wonderful work that God was doing there.

616. *Whom did Barnabas get to help him in Antioch?*

Barnabas went to Tarsus and got Saul to return and help him in preaching the gospel in Antioch.

617. *Which of the apostles was put to death by the wicked king, Herod?*

The wicked king, Herod, killed James with a sword.

618. *What did Herod do to another of the apostles, when he saw that his killing James had pleased the Jews?*

Herod put Peter into prison, intending, after the Passover, to put him also to death.

619. *What were the other apostles and Christians doing while Peter was in prison?*

While Peter was in prison, the apostles and other Christians were praying to God to deliver him.

620 *What happened on the night before the day fixed for Peter's death?*

The angel of the Lord came by night and opened the prison doors, and set Peter free.

621. *What afterwards happened to the wicked Herod who killed James and imprisoned Peter?*

God sent a dreadful disease upon Herod, from which he died.

622. *What church sent out the first missionaries to the heathen?*

The church of Antioch sent out the first missionaries to the heathen.

623. *What led the Christians of Antioch to send out these missionaries?*

The Holy Spirit put it into their hearts to do this.

624. *Who were the first missionaries sent out to the heathen?*

Paul and Barnabas were the first missionaries.

625. *How many missionary journeys did Paul make?*

Paul made three missionary journeys.

626. *To what places did Paul go on his first missionary journey?*

On his first missionary journey Paul went to the island of Cyprus, and then crossed over into Asia Minor.

627. *Who went with Paul on his first missionary journey?*

Barnabas went with Paul on his first missionary journey, and a young man, named John Mark, also went with him part of the way.

628. *What happened to Paul on his first missionary journey in Asia Minor?*

An angry crowd of heathen in Lystra, one of the towns in Asia Minor, stoned Paul almost to death

629. *Where did Paul go on his second missionary journey?*

On his second missionary journey Paul visited the places where he had been on his first missionary journey, then crossed over into Europe.

630. *Who went with Paul on the second missionary journey?*

Silas went with Paul on his second missionary journey, while Barnabas and Mark went in another.

631. *What young disciple did Paul find on his second missionary journey?*

At Lystra, in Asia Minor, Paul found a young disciple, named Timothy, and took him with him on his journey.

632. *What led Paul to go over to Europe to preach the gospel?*

The Holy Spirit led Paul to Troas, and there he saw in a vision in the night, a man of Macedonia praying him to come over and help them.

633. *Who joined Paul and his companions at Troas?*

Luke, a physician, and friend of Paul, joined the little band of missionaries at Troas, and crossed the water with them to Europe.

634. *Where did Paul first preach the gospel in Europe?*

The first place in which Paul preached the gospel in Europe was Philippi, a city of Macedonia.

635. *What woman of Philippi heard Paul and Silas preach, and became a Christian?*

Lydia, a seller of purple, heard Paul and Silas preach, and she believed and was baptized, together with all her family.

636. *What happened to Paul and Silas when they were in Philippi?*

Wicked men beat Paul and Silas, and put them into the jail of Philippi.

637. *How did Paul and Silas spend the night in the prison?*

Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God during the night in prison.

638. *What wonderful thing happened during the night when Paul and Silas were in the prison of Philippi?*

While Paul and Silas were praying and singing, an earthquake suddenly shook the prison, and all the doors flew open, and the chains fell off the prisoners.

639. *What did the keeper of the prison of Philippi do when he saw the prison open, and the chains loosed from all the prisoners?*

The jailer supposed that the prisoners had escaped, and fearing that he would be punished, he

was about to kill himself, when Paul stopped him, and told him to do himself no harm.

640. *What question did the jailer of Philippi ask Paul and Silas?*

The jailer came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, and said: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

641. *What did Paul tell the jailer he must do to be saved?*

Paul told the jailer he must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to be saved.

642. *How did the jailer show that his heart was changed by the gospel which Paul preached?*

The jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds and treated them very kindly; and then he and all his family were baptized.

643. *Where did Paul and his companions go from Philippi?*

Luke remained for some time longer in Philippi; but Paul and his other companions went down through Macedonia and Greece, and preached the gospel in other cities there.

644. *In what city did Paul see a great many heathen gods and temples?*

In the beautiful city of Athens, in Greece, Paul saw a great many heathen gods and temples.

645. *What effect had Paul's preaching on the people of Athens?*

Some of the people of Athens believed when they heard Paul preach, but most of them only made light of what he said.

646. *To what very rich and wicked city did Paul go after leaving Athens?*

After leaving Athens, Paul went to the rich and wicked city of Corinth, where he remained for about two years.

647. *What churches were formed on Paul's second missionary journey?*

On Paul's second missionary journey, he formed the churches of Philippi, Thessalonica and Corinth.

648. *Where did Paul go after leaving Corinth?*

After leaving Corinth, at the close of his second missionary journey, Paul returned to Jerusalem.

649. *Where did Paul go on his third missionary journey?*

On his third missionary journey, Paul went through Asia Minor and Macedonia, visiting the places where he had preached the gospel, and then returned again to Jerusalem.

650. *What happened to Paul in Jerusalem, when he returned after his third missionary journey?*

An angry mob attacked Paul in the temple, and were about to kill him, when a Roman captain, with a band of soldiers, saved him.

651. *What wicked plot was made in Jerusalem to kill Paul?*

Over forty Jews of Jerusalem made a solemn vow that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

652. *How did Paul escape from the wicked plot made against him in Jerusalem?*

Paul's nephew told the Roman captain of the plot, who immediately sent Paul under a guard of soldiers, to Cæsarea.

653. *Before what noted persons did Paul preach when he was a prisoner in Cæsarea?*

When Paul was a prisoner in Cæsarea, he preached before the Roman governors, Felix and Festus, and King Agrippa.

654. *What effect had Paul's preaching upon these rulers?*

Felix trembled at the thought of his sinful life, when he heard Paul preach; Festus thought Paul was beside himself; and Agrippa, also, was much impressed by what Paul said.

655. *Where was Paul sent from Cæsarea?*

At his own request, Paul was sent from Cæsarea to Rome, to be tried before the Roman emperor, Nero.

656. *What happened to Paul on his way to Rome?*

When Paul was on his way to Rome, a great storm arose, and he was shipwrecked near the island of Malta.

657. *What was done with Paul in Rome?*

Paul was kept a prisoner in Rome for about two years; then he was set free, but was afterwards taken back to Rome, where, after a short imprisonment, he was put to death.

THE EPISTLES.

658. *In what other way besides preaching did the apostles teach about Jesus Christ?*

The apostles wrote letters to the churches, to teach them more about Jesus Christ.

659. *What are the letters called, which the apostles wrote to the churches?*

The letters which the apostles wrote to the churches are called epistles.

660. *Who wrote most of these letters, or epistles, to churches?*

Most of the letters to the churches were written by the apostle Paul.

661. *Which of Paul's letters did he write first?*

The first letters which Paul wrote to the churches, were the two epistles to the Thessalonians.

662. *What are the four larger letters written by Paul?*

The four larger letters written by Paul are, the Epistle to the Romans, the Epistle to the Galatians, and the two Epistles to the Corinthians.

663. *What four letters were written by Paul when he was a prisoner in Rome?*

When Paul was a prisoner in Rome, he wrote the Epistles to the Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon.

664. *What were the last letters which Paul wrote?*

The last letters written by Paul were two letters to his dear friend, Timothy, the second of which was written while he was daily expecting death; and one letter to another friend of his, called Titus.

665. *What letter have we in the New Testament written specially for the Jewish Christians?*

The Epistle to the Hebrews was written for the Jewish Christians, by some great writer who does not give his name.

666. *What other letters have we in the New Testament, besides the letters of Paul, and that to the Hebrews?*

We have the letter written by James, two letters written by Peter, three letters written by John, and one by Jude.

The Revelation of John.

667. *Which of the Lord's apostles lived the longest?*

John lived longer than any of the other apostles.

668. *What other book did John write besides his three letters and his Gospel?*

Besides his three letters and his Gospel, John wrote the book of Revelation.

669. *What does the book of Revelation tell us about?*

The book of Revelation tells us of a wonderful vision, or dream, in which John saw Christ in his glory, and heard him speaking to him.

670. *Where was John when he saw the wonderful vision described in the book of Revelation?*

When John was a very old man he was driven away from his home to the island of Patmos, because he was a Christian; and there he saw the wonderful vision described in the book of Revelation.

671. *What messages did Jesus give to John in his vision, or dream?*

Jesus gave John messages to the seven churches of Asia.

672. *What did Jesus tell John in this vision about the future?*

Jesus showed John some of the things that were going to happen in the world.

673. *What besides the Saviour did John see in his vision?*

John saw some of the glories of heaven, and the happiness of those who were with Jesus.

674. *How did heaven appear to John in his dream?*

In his dream, heaven appeared to John to be a beautiful city, with streets of gold and gates of precious stones.

675. *Whom did John see sitting upon a throne in heaven?*

John saw Jesus Christ sitting upon a throne in heaven.

676. *What is said of the happiness of those in heaven?*

"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

677. *Who only did John say were allowed in heaven?*

Only the good and true are permitted to enter heaven.

678. *What sort of people did John say were outside of the city?*

Outside of the city are the liars, the murderers, and all sorts of bad people.

679. *What were some of the last words which John heard from Jesus in his vision?*

The last words which John heard from Jesus, were "Behold, I come quickly;and my reward is with me: to give every man according as his work shall be."

680. *With what prayer does John close the book of Revelation?*

John closes the book of Revelation with the prayer: "COME, LORD JESUS."